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Washington, D.C. 20505

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1 March 1988

NOTE FOR: D/OCA
FROM: EA/DCI
SUBJECT: 23 February Letter from
Senator Specter

Please note the Director's
comment on the attached letter
from Senator Specter:

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come from me unless you
have a reason why not. WHW

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Attachment



MEMORANDUM FOR: DCI

Attached is a letter to you from Arlen Specter requesting an Inter-agency Intelligence Assessment on Arafat's role in terrorism. OCA plans to respond directly to the Senator.

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Remarks D/OCA will reply directly to Sen. Specter.

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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February 23, 1988

The Honorable William H. Webster
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C., 20505

Dear Judge Webster:

During a recent trip through Eastern Europe and several Persian Gulf countries, I was dismayed at how little political leaders and law enforcement officers claimed to know about Yasser Arafat's past responsibility for either planning or authorizing acts of terrorism. In fact, several leaders were quite effusive in their praise of Arafat as "an honest broker" and leader of the Palestinians.

While the Administration and the Congress have condemned Arafat and the PLO, and recently have taken measures to reduce their diplomatic status in the United Nations and in Washington, I believe that more needs to be done in informing other countries about Arafat's demonstrable role in international terrorism. Before any such undertaking, however, I believe that we need a thorough review, analysis and summary of the facts.

Accordingly, I am requesting an interagency intelligence assessment on Arafat's role in terrorism, which should include, inter alia, his reported involvement in the murders at the Munich Olympics in 1972, the 1973 killing of our ambassador in Khartoum, and the Achille Lauro incident. I would like to receive a summary of the evidence which exists in each event cited in the assessment.

I greatly appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Arlen Specter

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